

Application No. 10/721,694
Docket No. P06474US3
Reply to Office Action of November 29, 2005

Amendment to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Page 2 with changes to Figs. 2 and 3. In Figs. 2 and 3, numerals have been added, changed, and deleted.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
 Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2 and 4 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 4 have been cancelled. After the final rejection of 10/06/05 the Applicant submitted an amendment after final in hopes to address the Examiner's drawing objections, 112 rejections in addition to argue the patentability of claims regarding 35 U.S.C. § 103. In an Advisory Action the Examiner did not enter the amendment after final because many of the proposed amendments would introduce new matter. However, the Examiner did indicate that if an amendment were resubmitted according to her restrictions that the amendment would be entered and both the 112 and 103 rejections would be overcome. In light of the Examiner's Advisory Action, the Applicant filed a second amendment after final on December 27, 2005, making only the amendments that the Examiner suggested would be entered and that overcame the 112 and 103 rejections. Thus, the Applicant believes that the amendment placed the application in condition for allowance.

Despite the Applicant's attempts to provide the Examiner with the specific amendment requested, the second amendment after final again was not entered as raising new issues because specifically the scope of claim 2 has changed, in contradiction to the previous Advisory Action. Nonetheless, the Applicant resubmits the identical amendment made in the second amendment after final in this request for continued examination. As discussed in that response, consistent with the Advisory Action, the drawing amendments, and claim amendments overcome all drawing objections, 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections and 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections previously submitted by the Examiner. Thus, because an Examiner has indicated that the present amendments

overcome all objections and rejections, Applicant asserts that the remaining claim 2 is in allowable form and respectfully requests allowance of such claim.

CONCLUSION

If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 515/558-0200.

All fees or extensions of time believed to be due in connection with this response are attached hereto; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 50-2098.

Respectfully submitted,



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